



## MARINES ARE LANDED AT FORT TAKU.

One Hundred Men Sent to Tien Tsin. Others Go to Pekin—The Powers Also Send Troops.

### DANGER TO LIFE AND PROPERTY

Minimized by Russian Minister—Chinese Minister Calls on Secretary Hay—Slaves Fired Upon.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—The following cablegram has been received at the state department from the senior squadron commander, Admiral Kempff: "TONG KU (Taku), May 30. 'Secretary Navy, Washington. 'One hundred men landed and sent Tien Tsin yesterday. Fifty of these go to Pekin this day. Other nations landed men. [Signed.] 'KEMPF.'"

Marines Have Gone Forward. Although Admiral Kempff's cablegram is dated yesterday, the navy department officials are confident that the American marines have gone forward to Pekin, even though the Russian forces may have been detained at Tien Tsin by the technical objection of the Chinese authorities. The very smallness of the force which the admiral is sending at Minister Conger's request, would, it is felt, facilitate its admission to the Chinese capital, for it could not be regarded by the Chinese government as a menace to Chinese integrity.

The admiral's dispatch indicates that he has not been able to take the flagship Newark up the Pei-Ho river beyond the Taku forts just above the entrance. From Tien Tsin to Pekin by rail is a distance of seventy miles, a three-hour journey, according to Chinese schedules. It is obliged to make the distance on foot, which has been done before by them, the marines can cover it in about three days unless their march is opposed.

### Chinese Minister Calls on Hay.

The Chinese minister, Mr. Wu Ting Fang, called at the state department at an early hour to-day, to talk with Secretary Hay. He had no information from his own government as to the critical situation in China and was anxious for news. Resident representatives of nearly all of the other nations interested in the Chinese situation were among Secretary Hay's callers to-day. But, as in the case of the Chinese minister, none of them had received any information from his own government bearing upon the situation. Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, who is leaving the United States for a visit to Europe and called to say good-bye to Secretary Hay, is decidedly of the opinion that much unwarranted anxiety has been excited as to the actions of the "boxers." He feels confident that there is little danger to the life and property of foreigners in China to be expected from the present uprising.

### Russians Fired Upon.

TIENTSIN, May 31.—The Russian troops bound for this city have passed Taku forts and are expected here this afternoon.

As the Russians were nearing the forts yesterday in boats the Chinese opened fire and the Russians retreated. It now appears that the Chinese were only firing a gun salute in honor of a mandarin who was on board a Chinese warship.

### Foreign Troops to be Opposed.

TIENTSIN, May 31.—A special train started for Pekin this afternoon with the following forces: Americans, seven officers and 66 men. British, three officers and 72 men. Italians, three officers and 39 men. French, three officers and 72 men. Russian, two officers and 71 men. Japanese, two officers and 24 men. The foreign contingent also took with them five quick firing guns.

It is rumored that the foreign troops will be opposed at the first gate of the Chinese capital, outside the wall.

### Government Supports "Boxers."

LONDON, May 31.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Wednesday, says: "The damage to the railroad is estimated at \$20,000. The government supports, rather than condemns, the 'boxers.' Not one has been arrested yet. No foreigner has been seriously injured, though murders of native Christians are reported daily from the country."

### MOTHER AND BABE

Perish in the Flames—Story of a Boy's Heroism.

MEDIA, Pa., May 31.—Two children were dragged from a burning house on the truck farm of T. Steer Hickalo, last night, by their eight-year-old brother, who, driven out by the flames, left his mother and a baby to perish.

His mother, carrying the baby and a lamp, fell on a stairway, the lamp setting fire to the house. The carpets, saturated with oil from the lamp, burned fiercely, and the boy, realizing that the house was doomed, dragged out a brother and a sister, who were intent on rushing through the fire to their mother. Then he returned for his mother, whose arms clasped the baby. But her weight was too great for his little arms and as the flames were closing in on him, he gave a last despairing look at the doomed woman and fled, heartbroken, to a place of safety.

## WORKING HARD

In Both Branches of Congress—Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill Passes Senate—Charged With Playing the Galleries.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—At the conclusion of a session lasting eight hours, the senate this evening passed the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, which has been under consideration for nearly the week. The amendment providing for an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the Louisiana purchase exposition, to be held in St. Louis, in 1903, was contained in the bill. An effort was made to reduce the amount to be appropriated, but it was unsuccessful.

### Memorial Bridge to Arlington.

An amendment was incorporated providing for the beginning of the work on the memorial bridge between Washington and Arlington cemetery, to be erected in memory of the dead of both the Union and Confederate armies. While the bill carries only \$200,000 for the project, it is expected ultimately to cost about \$5,000,000. An amendment also was added to the measure providing for an adjustment of certain claims of the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Delaware, California, Oregon and South Carolina. The passage of the Sundry Civil bill leaves only two general appropriation bills to be acted on by the senate, the Military Academy general deficiency measures. It is expected they will be passed by Saturday night.

### Democrats Put Up a Howl.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—The house to-day under a special order adopted after an exceedingly hot debate in which the leaders of both sides charged each other with playing to the political galleries, entered upon the consideration of the resolution reported from the judiciary committee proposing a constitutional amendment to lodge in Congress the power to "define, regulate, control, prohibit or dissolve trusts, monopolies or combinations." Under the terms of the order to-day with a night session to-night was devoted to debate and to-morrow at 5 o'clock the vote is to be taken without opposition to amend. Saturday is to be devoted to the bill to amend the Sherman anti-trust law.

### Amendment Objectionable.

The Democrats charged that the proposed constitutional amendment was objectionable in every way; that it was a mere political pretext, that it was unnecessary and was proposed at the end of the session for election purposes in the coming campaign. The Republicans repudiated the charge of bad faith.

A constitutional amendment requires two-thirds vote to adopt it, or 236 votes with the present membership of the house. The Republicans have only 155 votes, fifty less than the requisite two-thirds. There were only three speakers at the day session—Messrs. Ray, N. Y.; Terry, (Ark.), and Lanham, (Texas).

## OTIS HELD UP

On Board the Meade, Because of Smallpox—Will Not Land for Several Days.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—The war department received notice to-day from General Shafter of the arrival at San Francisco, of General Otis. General Shafter also sends news of the existence of smallpox aboard the transport Meade, which accounts for the failure of General Otis to land promptly upon his arrival in San Francisco.

General Shafter's dispatch, which is dated yesterday, is as follows: "General Otis arrived this evening in good health. On account of several cases of smallpox on board he will not be able to land for several days. He will take the first train east after landing."

### Delay Will be Short.

Surgeon General Sternberg says that the delay in General Otis' landing will be very short and the quarantine officials will probably pass him through as soon as his effects have been thoroughly fumigated, assuming that he has not been personally in contact with any of the smallpox cases.

General Otis probably will come direct to Washington and will go thence to Rochester, N. Y., in season to be present at the demonstration which is being arranged in his honor by the citizens of that place for June 15. The general will be given an extended leave of absence by the war department and when he has thoroughly recuperated from the prostrating labors of his position in the Philippines he will, it is expected, be assigned to the command of the department of the lakes, with headquarters at Chicago.

### COMMERCIAL-GAZETTE SOLD.

Bought by George T. Oliver for Business Reasons—Continues Republican.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 31.—The Commercial-Gazette, of this city, was to-day purchased outright and with all of its interests, by George T. Oliver, the wealthy iron merchant. The new management will assume control to-morrow. Mr. Oliver in a statement to the public, says: "This change of ownership involves no radical change of policy. The Commercial Gazette always has been and always will be a Republican paper and will continue its support of the principles, policy and candidates of the regular Republican organizations, national, state and local."

Mr. Oliver says also that he made the purchase as a business investment, and to provide employment for his son, who will assist him in the management of the paper.

### Big Fire in Boston.

BOSTON, May 31.—Fire in the five-story department store of the Pitts-Kimball Company, adjoining the Park Theatre, Washington Street, did more than \$200,000 damage to-night.

## DEPARTURE OF KRUGER ANNOUNCED.

Leaves Pretoria With His Staff. City to be Administered Provisionally by Citizens.

### JOHANNESBURG IS OCCUPIED

By the British—Boers Trekking Northward—The Enemy Can Not Last Long—War Near the End.

LONDON, June 1, 3:35 a. m.—Related messages from Pretoria confirm the reports of the departure of President Kruger with his cabinet and staff officials Tuesday night and the selection at a meeting of citizens of a committee to administer the city provisionally.

Since these telegrams left on Wednesday, nothing apparently has reached Lorenzo Marques by telegraph from Pretoria. Possibly the wires have been cut. Possibly the Boer censorship at some intermediate point intercepts telegrams.

Although the war office has not received a word about it, no one in London harbors the idea that the Boer capital is not already in the hands of the British or about to be there. The possession of Johannesburg, at all events, as Lord Roberts has telegraphed, is a fact. State's Attorney Smuts did not depart with President Kruger, but remained in Pretoria.

### Seat of Government at Middleburg.

The present seat of the Boer government, according to a dispatch from Lorenzo Marques, dated yesterday, is Middleburg, but it will probably be shifted further east.

The Boers lately confronting Lord Roberts appear to have gone eastward also, toward the Lydenburg region. The defenders of Laing's Nek, when their position becomes too perilous, will probably trek straight northward toward Lydenburg. When this concentration takes place, there will be possibly 20,000 men, who may hold out for a time, with scattered bands of guerrillas elsewhere.

The press dispatches from the headquarters of Lord Roberts give no estimate as to the number of Boers who were fighting General French and General Ian Hamilton, Monday and Tuesday, but they all agree that the Boers retired and that the British casualties were slight.

### Captures Rolling Stock.

Bennett Burleigh, writing to the Daily Telegraph from Elandsfontein, Tuesday, says:

"Much rolling stock and seven engines have been captured by Lord Roberts' column. The principal losses in the fighting have been sustained by the mounted infantry, but the casualties are trifling. General French and General Hamilton were engaged to the west of Johannesburg."

"Since Sunday the western columns have been fighting but, although guns were used, the actions were never serious. In fact, they were only big skirmishes. The Boers are retreating to Pretoria."

Another correspondent, telegraphing from Germiston the same day, says:

"I learn that the Boers are massing six miles south of Pretoria, for a new and desperate stand, with a front of twelve miles."

Other rumors in the camp of Lord Roberts are that President Kruger is ill at Lydenburg and that the ammunition of the Boers is running short. M. H. Donohue, the correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, was captured yesterday.

## BAD NEWS

Seems Not to Oppress the Boer Envoy—Talk Philosophically of the Outcome—People Determined to Win, They Say.

BOSTON, May 31.—Messrs. Fischer, Wolmorans and Wessels, the Boer envoys, were received at the city hall here to-day, by Mayor Hart, and subsequently called at the state house. The mayor alluded to the day's news from South Africa and hoped that the adversity sustained by the Boers might be for the best. Mr. Fischer responded, affirming that all he and his compatriots asked was for justice. The envoys did not seem greatly depressed by the news from Johannesburg and Pretoria. Chairman Fischer, whenever opportunity was given, did not fail to reiterate the statement that the war is by no means ended.

### No Munitions of War Captured.

"Have you noticed," he asked a reporter, "that the English forces have not captured a single piece of artillery or any considerable munitions of war from us since our men have been executing their masterly retreat? This material has not ascended into the air, nor has it gone up in Lord Roberts' balloons and the English will find it out to their sorrow, I am afraid. Our guns, supplies, etc., have been taken along with our troops, and they will yet be used effectually, if I am not greatly mistaken."

"The fact that President Kruger has retreated to Watervalboven and that this is declared the capital of our government shows that our people are still determined to win their independence. Our capital is where our president chooses to make it."

### Annexation Means Nothing.

"The fact that Lord Roberts annexed the Orange Free State the other day means nothing. The United States could annex Canada by proclamation,

but something more effective would have to follow to make it a fact."

Mr. Fischer added the statement that President Kruger would not surrender while there was a bullock cart and sixteen oxen in the Transvaal to transport him from place to place.

Mr. Wessels expressed much the same opinion as Mr. Fischer, but he said that he looked upon the late news from South Africa with some suspicion. He said that if President Kruger had been going to surrender, he would have remained in the city, while the Boers would not have carried away their guns and ammunition if they had intended to capitulate.

Roberts, he said, may yet run into a nice trap.

### Railway Traffic Opened.

LORENZO MARQUES, May 31.—The railway traffic between here and the Transvaal, which was officially closed yesterday, has been reopened, the railway officials now accepting goods for all stations in the Transvaal.

### Defeats Boer Commando.

CAPE TOWN, May 31.—Gen. Rundle has defeated a Boer commando at Seneschal. His casualties were 45 killed and many wounded.

## FIFTEEN DAYS REST

To be Given Certain Employees of the Government—Not Included Under Existing Laws—Senator Elkins Behind the Measure.

SPECIAL DISPATCH to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—The bill introduced several days ago by Senator Elkins to give the employees of the navy yard, gun factories, naval depots, arsenals and ordnance depots leave of absence for fifteen days each, annually, was returned to the senate by Senator Kyle, chairman of the committee on education and labor, with a favorable report, and was placed on the calendar. It has a good prospect of passing at the present session.

### Federation of Labor Assisting.

Clerks and other employees of the departments in nearly every branch of the government are entitled under existing laws, to thirty days each on pay for recreation. Among those omitted are the employees enumerated in the senator's bill. The measure is being placed before the individual senators, with full explanations by representatives of the Federation of Labor. They have given Senator Elkins their united support in his effort in behalf of a class of laborers heretofore at a disadvantage, and it is the senator's intention, if possible, to even up matters, and to prevent discrimination.

### To Help Mrs. Muhleman.

Another measure placed on the calendar of the senate to-day was that introduced by Senator Elkins, to pay to Mrs. E. A. Muhleman \$5,000 in part recompense for the death of her husband, who was one of the victims of the Ford's theatre disaster of several years ago. Mrs. Muhleman was a citizen of West Virginia and an employee of the war department. With many others he sustained severe injuries while at work, in the collapse of the theatre, which was at the time used by the record and pension division of the department named. After several years of suffering, Mr. Muhleman died, and the bill mentioned was introduced in his wife's behalf. It was favorably reported to-day by Senator Stewart, from the committee on claims.

### West Virginians in Washington.

Among prominent West Virginians who have visited the city within the past twenty-four hours are Senator Whitaker, of Wheeling, and Senator McNeill, of Marlinton, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blue, of Philippi, are here, the guests of Representative and Mrs. Dayton. Mr. Dayton left to-night for a brief business visit to his home in West Virginia.

## SUGAR REFINERIES

May Change Hands—Arbuckle's Not Interested in the Deal.

NEW YORK, May 31.—Negotiations are under way for the acquisition and control of the National, Mollenhauer and Doescher sugar refineries by a new corporation, headed by the sugar brokerage firm of B. H. Howell Sons & Co. This statement is authorized by James H. Post, a member of the firm of Howell Sons & Co., who have been for a long time the agents for the National and Mollenhauer refineries. It is believed that the acquisition of these properties by the new firm will do much to end the sugar war, as Howell Sons & Co. have been in harmony with the American Sugar Refining Company for a long time.

Mr. Post admits that Arbuckle Bros. are not included in the deal, but elsewhere in the trade it is believed that they will be taken care of in some way. Henry O. Havemeyer, president of the trust, said he had no statement to make concerning the latest reports. In sugar circles generally it is believed that the new corporation will be controlled by the American Sugar Refining Company.

## ARRESTED FOR FRAUD.

Young Hebrew Starts a Laundry on Wind and Reaps the Reward.

SPECIAL DISPATCH to the Intelligencer. HINTON, W. Va., May 31.—C. J. Goldschmidt, a young Hebrew, who recently started a laundry in this city, absconded yesterday, leaving about \$500 unpaid bills. Some of his creditors who claim he received the goods under false pretenses, swore out warrants and had him arrested this evening at Point Pleasant. He will be brought back to this city to-morrow, for trial. He claims to have resided in West Pennsylvania, and is known by some as Lon Wolf. He recently bought machinery and a horse and wagon in Cincinnati, Ohio.

### Movement of Steamships.

GLASGOW—Hibernian, Boston. LONDON—Minotaur, New York. ROTTERDAM—Maasdam, New York. BREMEN—Kaiserin Maria Theresa, New York. QUEENSTOWN—New England, Boston for Liverpool. LIVERPOOL—Teatonic, from New York; Lancaster, from Boston. PLYMOUTH—Augusta Victoria, New York for Hamburg and preceded.

## PREMATURE EXPLOSION OF GLYCERINE.

Four Men Killed, Four Fatally Injured and Three Maimed for Life While Witnessing the

### SHOOTING OF AN OIL WELL.

Fifty Quarts in the Shot-Derrick Blown to Splinters—Remains had to be Picked up in Pieces.

MARIETTA, O., May 31.—Six men were killed and four fatally injured to-night at Whipple, a short distance east of this city, by a premature explosion of fifty quarts of nitro-glycerine which was being used in shooting an oil well on the Kelly farm.

The killed: WILLIAM M. WATSON, H. E. ZELTON, FRANK SPEERS, THOMAS DANIELS, fatally injured: JAMES P. SPEERS, HERMAN SPEERS, DAWSON STALLER, WILLIAM CARPENTER. Seriously wounded: JOHN STALLER, WALTER DANIELS, HENRY STALLER.

### Hard to Get Exact Story of Accident.

The above is a correct list of the casualties of the explosion.

The first report gave a list of six killed, but only four were killed outright and four others are dying, while three others are crippled for life. As everybody on the ground was either killed or injured, it is next to impossible to get a reliable description of the terrible explosion. It occurred at 5 o'clock this evening, just before the men were getting ready to close up for the day. The drilling was done by Michael Hannon and had been completed ready for the final shooting. The well was being shot by the Humes Torpedo Company, which had lowered fifty quarts of nitro-glycerine into the drilling. When the "go-devil" was sent down it did not go off as expected and then what is known as a "jack-squib," composed of heavy iron and dynamite, with a protected fuse, was dropped into the well. It was expected that when they came together there would be the usual blast that would shoot the well, but it seems that the "jack-squib" exploded first and then the crowd rushed to see the shooting of the gusher.

### Charge Went off with Awful Force.

When they arrived at the derrick, the first charge that was put down went off with terrific force, wrecking everything and blowing the men in every direction. The remains of two of these had to be picked up in pieces, and those who were fatally injured are mangled in a horrible manner. All of the victims are residents of this county, well to do and prominent citizens and the calamity has spread distress everywhere as well as in the neighborhood of Whipple. Every means of relief so far as nurses and physicians and supplies are concerned, have been furnished from this city and neighboring points, but nothing can prevent the death list from being less than eight killed, while the extent of the injuries of John and Henry Stallar and Walter Daniels are not as yet known.

Zelton was a well driller and was well-to-do. Watson was formerly deputy sheriff of Washington county and was prominent in local politics.

## WHITE FEATHER

Shown by Those Drafted into Special Police Service at the Scene of the Car Strike—All to be Heavily Armed.

ST. LOUIS, May 31.—Up to a late hour to-night the police department had not chronicled any disturbance of a serious nature as a result of the street car strike during the day. Public interest centers for the time being in yesterday's order to the police commissioners on the sheriff of St. Louis county, to swear in 1,000 special deputies and in their order of to-day ordering the swearing in of 100 additional men, making 2,500 in all, for the purpose of preserving peace and order.

### Sudden Epidemic of Sickness.

To a certain extent these orders have created consternation among men in all walks of life, as is evidenced by Sheriff Pohlmann's statement that an epidemic of sickness has suddenly broken out in the city since the draft for the posse began. Nearly every man of any position, the sheriff says, who has been summoned to serve in the posse is scurrying about to get a physician's certificate that he is suffering from some chronic disease which unfits him for duty.

Many of those who remonstrated with the sheriff this morning were veterans of several wars. They complained that they had already served their country and thought it an imposition to place them in the posse.

### Recruiting Progressing Rapidly.

Sheriff Pohlmann reported that the work of recruiting the first thousand deputies called for was progressing rapidly and they believed he would have no trouble in gathering in the full quota of 2,500.

The police board decided to-day to arm the posse with riot guns. The weapon is a short barreled repeating shot gun about 3½ feet long. The magazine has a capacity for six shells, which may be loaded with buckshot or small

shot. The purpose of the arm is to do as much execution as possible.

A conference was held to-day between President Hawes, of the police board, former Governor William J. Stone and Attorney General Crowe, to devise if possible some plan to settle the strike before the situation became more critical. Nothing was accomplished, however, but another meeting will be held to-morrow.

## WILLIS FOR JUDGE

Republicans of the Fourth District Select the Talented Lawyer—Every County Represented.

### Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., May 31.—The Republicans of the Fourth district met at the new opera house to-day, and selected Hon. M. H. Willis, of Doddridge, as their candidate for judge, and it can be said without fear of contradiction that no happier or wiser choice could have been made.

The district is composed of the counties of Wetzel, Tyler, Ritchie and Doddridge, and the total number of delegates is 81. Each county had a full delegation of sterling, enthusiastic Republicans.

The convention was called to order by Squire W. H. Chevron, of Doddridge, and invocation was offered by Rev. G. W. Hutch, of this city.

For chairman, Charles Haddock, of Ritchie, was chosen, and P. D. Morris, of Wetzel, was named as secretary.

It was apparent that there was but one man in the race, and when James Carter, of Doddridge, placed Hon. M. H. Willis in nomination the hall resounded with applause. Hon. Perry Shanor, the silver-tongued orator of Tyler, seconded the nomination in one of his inimitable short speeches, and he was followed by a forceful seconding address from Hon. Lloyd McIntire, of Wetzel.

On motion the nomination of Mr. Willis was made unanimous, and the young barrister responded in a splendid speech. The name of Thomas Davis, of Ritchie, was not presented.

### Hall and Holmes Present.

### Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., May 31.—Two candidates for state auditor, Messrs. J. K. Hall, of Ohio county, and A. C. Holmes, of Doddridge county, were present at the Fourth judicial convention to-day, and were diligent in meeting the "boys" from the four counties.

## SURPRISING INCREASE

In the Re-Assessment of Marshall County's Real Estate—Final Summing Up by the Board.

### Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 31.—The final summing up of the re-assessment of the real estate by the board of equalization, as it will stand on the auditor's books, is \$159,477.72. This is an increase over the 1899 assessment of \$96,658. There is a diversity of comment on the action of the board in making the immense increase in the per cent in McDowell county. In that county it was increased sixty per cent, but in justification, the board cites the fact that in Mercer county coal property not nearly so productive is assessed at twenty and thirty dollars per acre, and six dollars per acre. The increase of twenty-five per cent in Tyler county is regarded as entirely justifiable. That county failed to make a re-assessment until compelled to after the board organized. Then, it is alleged, the old assessment was simply copied, leaving the valuation practically what it was in 1890. Sistersville was returned at about \$150,000, while a conservative estimate places the valuation of the town now at two millions. The most surprising increase is in Marshall, which was thought to have been conservatively returned. The board raised it twenty per cent. Total amount taken from the counties of Wood, Ohio and Jefferson, and pro-rated to the counties of Mercer, McDowell, Tyler, Logan, Marshall and Tucker, \$2,753,238. The board has adjourned to await the completion of the record, when they will meet to close it up and make their report.

## DEMOCRATS OF WOOD

Nominate a County Ticket—Resolutions Endorsing Bryan, Taxation of Telegraph and Telephone Franchises Not Passed.

### Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., May 31.—Wood county Democrats held the largest convention in their history at the city auditorium to-day, for the purpose of nominating a county ticket. A. F. Wells, was selected chairman, Matthew Mayhew secretary and D. A. Hill assistant secretary. The morning session was devoted to the appointment of committees and other preliminary work. The entire afternoon was taken up in nominating the following tickets: Secretary, J. E. Carle, of Batons; county commissioner, Lavi Skidmore, Dailson; prosecuting attorney, D. C. Casto, Parkersburg; house of delegates, M. T. Devaughn, E. L. Coleman, George P. Romine; assessors, A. H. Freer, J. H. Buckley; surveyor, Alexander Boob.

A series of resolutions endorsing Bryan, favoring the taxation of telephone, telegraph and other franchises and condemning the McKinley administration, were prepared but not passed.

### Steel Mills Close.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 31.—The extensive mills here of the Republic Iron & Steel Company closed to-day, and will remain closed for an indefinite period. The mill bosses claim the shut down is due to interference with the employees of labor unions, and consequent diversion of business.

### Weather Forecast for To-day.

For Ohio—Showers Friday; Saturday partly cloudy; possibly showers; winds mostly from the south. For Western Pennsylvania—Showers Friday; Saturday partly cloudy; possibly showers; variable winds. For West Virginia—Showers Friday and possibly Saturday; cooler Saturday in northwest half; northwest winds. Local Temperature. The temperature yesterday as observed by C. Schepert, druggist, corner Market and Fourth streets, was as follows: 7 a. m. .... 73 8 a. m. .... 74 9 a. m. .... 75 10 a. m. .... 76 11 a. m. .... 77 12 m. .... 78 1 p. m. .... 79 2 p. m. .... 80 3 p. m. .... 81 4 p. m. .... 82 5 p. m. .... 83 6 p. m. .... 84 7 p. m. .... 85 8 p. m. .... 86 9 p. m. .... 87 10 p. m. .... 88 11 p. m. .... 89 12 m. .... 90 Weather—Changeable.